

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1181

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bancroft Bible Camp upon the celebration of their seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those ministries that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, shining as a ray of hope in the Tri-Cities community, Bancroft Bible Camp comprises one such laudable ministry that is celebrating seventy-five years of camp ministry; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-five years, Bancroft Bible Camp has sought to help young people realize their potential as Christians and reach beyond the cycle of simply existing; and

WHEREAS, following the example of Christ by sharing His ideals with children and their families in the Tri-Cities area, Bancroft Bible Camp gives boys, girls, and teens a time of spiritual, physical, and social benefit; and

WHEREAS, Bancroft's program offers sound Bible teaching, missionary challenge, safe cabins, nourishing food, team participation, and adult supervision, and the ministry employs dedicated counselors to meet the needs of the campers; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to bring campers into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and to instill a love for the Word of God, Bancroft Bible Camp is part of Bancroft Gospel Ministry, an independent faith work which is non-denominational in fellowship; and

WHEREAS, this worthy ministry is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a non-profit organization, is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health, and is a member of Christian Camping International; and

WHEREAS, since 1937, Bancroft Bible Camp has striven to make a difference in its community by educating the public about the Good News of the Gospel and expanding the ministry's reach; and

WHEREAS, this body solidly supports Bancroft Bible Camp's efforts in investing time in children's spirituality as the key to ensuring future success for them and improving the quality of life for all families from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Tri-Cities community and the State of Tennessee have received immeasurable benefits from Bancroft Bible Camp and their exemplary staff, volunteers, and supporters who give generously of themselves so that the lives of our children may be better; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the staff, campers, counselors, alumni, and friends of Bancroft Bible Camp in celebrating their seventy-fifth anniversary of camp ministry, thank the good people of this outstanding ministry for their notable service to the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.